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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2516

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon
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An act to add Division 20.6 (commencing with Section 30961) to the Public Resources Code, relating to sea level rise.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2516, as amended, Gordon. Sea level rise planning: database.

Existing law establishes the Natural Resources Agency consisting of various entities, departments, and boards, including the Department of Water Resources, the California Coastal Commission, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, the State Lands Commission, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy.

This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2016, the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the Ocean Protection Council, to create, update ~~monthly~~, *quarterly*, and post on its Internet Web site a Planning for Sea Level Rise Database describing steps being taken throughout the state to prepare for, and adapt to, sea level rise. The bill would require various public agencies and private entities to provide *to the agency*, by July 1, 2015, and, beginning January 1, 2016, on a ~~monthly~~ *quarterly* basis thereafter, *sea level rise planning* information ~~to the Natural Resources Agency to be included in the database,~~

including descriptions of projects, *as defined*, that address or prepare for sea level rise that are ~~is~~ under the control or jurisdiction of the public ~~agency~~ *agencies* or private ~~entity~~ *entities*. The bill would require the ~~Natural Resources Agency~~ *agency* to *determine which information is necessary for inclusion in the database and to* organize the database by geographic region and provide an entry for each city, county, and city and county within the coastal zone and San Francisco Bay area.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Division 20.6 (commencing with Section 30961)
2 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

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4 DIVISION 20.6. PLANNING FOR SEA LEVEL RISE
5 DATABASE
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7 30961. *It is the intent of the Legislature that the Planning for*
8 *Sea Level Rise Database provide the public with an educational*
9 *tool that will enable parties to view up-to-date information from*
10 *a single, centrally located source about actions taken by cities,*
11 *counties, cities and counties, regions, and public and private*
12 *entities to address sea level rise.*

13 30962. *For purposes of this division, “sea level rise planning*
14 *information” means studies, programs, modeling, mapping,*
15 *cost-benefit analyses, vulnerability assessments, adaptation,*
16 *assessments, and local coastal programs certified pursuant to*
17 *Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 30500) of Division 20, that*
18 *have been developed for the purposes of addressing or preparing*
19 *for sea level rise.*

20 ~~30961.—~~

21 30963. On or before January 1, 2016, the Natural Resources
22 Agency, in collaboration with the Ocean Protection Council, shall
23 create and post on its Internet Web site a Planning for Sea Level
24 Rise Database describing steps being taken throughout the state
25 to prepare for, and adapt to, sea level rise. To be an effective
26 inventory of sea level rise planning in the state, the Natural
27 Resources ~~Agency~~ *Agency*, *beginning January 1, 2016*, shall update
28 the database ~~on a monthly basis~~ *quarterly* with information

1 provided by the entities described in Section 30964 *and provided*
2 *by the entities described in Section 30965.*

3 ~~30962. The Planning for Sea Level Rise Database shall include,~~
4 ~~but shall not be limited to, the following information:~~

5 ~~(a) Title and description of all state and local private and public~~
6 ~~projects addressing or preparing for sea level rise, including~~
7 ~~information described in Section 30963. For purposes of this~~
8 ~~division, “projects” includes studies, programs, modeling, mapping,~~
9 ~~cost-benefit analyses, vulnerability assessments, and adaptation~~
10 ~~assessments.~~

11 ~~(b) Information regarding which cities, counties, and cities and~~
12 ~~counties have implemented a local coastal program, including all~~
13 ~~of the following information:~~

14 ~~(1) When the local coastal program was created.~~

15 ~~(2) All dates on which the local coastal program was updated,~~
16 ~~if updated.~~

17 ~~(3) Whether the local coastal program addresses sea level rise.~~

18 ~~(e) Cities, counties, and cities and counties that do not have a~~
19 ~~local coastal program in place.~~

20 ~~30963. To the extent applicable, the following information~~
21 ~~shall be included in the description of a project:~~

22 ~~(a)~~

23 ~~30964. (a) No later than July 1, 2015, the entities listed in~~
24 ~~Section 30965 shall submit to the Natural Resources Agency sea~~
25 ~~level rise planning information, and, beginning January 1, 2016,~~
26 ~~any new or updated sea level rise planning information on a~~
27 ~~quarterly basis, in a format determined by the agency. The Natural~~
28 ~~Resources Agency shall make a determination as to which sea~~
29 ~~level rise planning information is necessary for inclusion in the~~
30 ~~database and may include any of the following:~~

31 ~~(1) Purpose.~~

32 ~~(b)~~

33 ~~(2) The person or entity charged with carrying out the project~~
34 ~~developing the sea level rise planning information and other~~
35 ~~contributors or collaborators.~~

36 ~~(c)~~

37 ~~(3) Whether the project sea level rise planning information is~~
38 ~~required to be completed developed by local, state, or federal law.~~

39 ~~(d) Geographic location of the project.~~

40 ~~(e)~~

- 1 (4) Geographic scope of the ~~project~~ *sea level rise planning*
2 *information*.
3 ~~(f)~~
4 (5) If the ~~project~~ *sea level rise planning information* is an
5 assessment, whether it is a risk or vulnerability assessment.
6 ~~(g)~~
7 (6) Whether the ~~project~~ *sea level rise planning information* has
8 governance, environmental, economic, social equity, or public
9 education objectives, or any combination thereof.
10 ~~(h) Whether the project results are measurable.~~
11 ~~(i) Whether the project is replicable and, if it is replicable,~~
12 ~~whether the project can be adjusted to apply to different sized~~
13 ~~regions.~~
14 (7) *The types of resources and infrastructure items on which*
15 *the sea level rise planning information focuses. Types of resources*
16 *and infrastructure items include, but are not limited to, wetlands,*
17 *piers, and residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation*
18 *structures.*
19 ~~(j)~~
20 (8) Source of funding for the ~~project~~ *sea level rise planning*
21 *information*.
22 ~~(k)~~
23 (9) Cost of the ~~project~~ *sea level rise planning information*.
24 ~~(l)~~
25 (10) Any scientific considerations or science-based facts that
26 are involved in the ~~project~~ *sea level rise planning information*.
27 ~~(m)~~
28 (11) Relevant maps.
29 ~~(n) The project's estimated date of completion.~~
30 ~~(o)~~
31 (12) Links to other Internet Web site materials that provide
32 further information.
33 (b) *The California Coastal Commission shall provide the*
34 *Natural Resources Agency with information regarding which cities,*
35 *counties, and cities and counties located in the coastal zone, as*
36 *defined in Section 30103, have implemented a local coastal*
37 *program, including all of the following information:*
38 (1) *When the local coastal program was created.*
39 (2) *All dates on which the local coastal program was updated,*
40 *if updated.*

1 (3) *Whether the local coastal program addresses sea level rise.*
2 (4) *Cities, counties, and cities and counties that do not have a*
3 *local coastal program in place.*

4 ~~30964.—~~

5 30965. (a) The following public agencies and private entities
6 shall provide *sea level rise planning* information described in
7 Sections 30962 and 30963 for projects and local coastal programs
8 ~~that are Section 30964 that is~~ under the control or the jurisdiction
9 of the public agency or private entity, as applicable, to the Natural
10 Resources Agency by July 1, 2015, and, beginning January 1,
11 2016, shall continue to provide updated information to the Natural
12 Resources Agency on a ~~monthly~~ *quarterly* basis:

13 (1) Airports within the California coastal zone or San Francisco
14 Bay area.

15 (2) California Coastal Commission.

16 (3) State Energy Resources Conservation and Development
17 Commission.

18 (4) Ports located in the California coastal zone or San Francisco
19 Bay area.

20 (5) Department of Transportation.

21 (6) Investor-owned utilities located in the California coastal
22 zone or the San Francisco Bay area.

23 (7) Publicly owned electric and natural gas utilities located in
24 the California coastal zone or San Francisco Bay area.

25 (8) Regional water quality control boards.

26 (9) San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development
27 Commission.

28 (10) State Coastal Conservancy.

29 (11) State Lands Commission.

30 (12) State Water Resources Control Board.

31 (b) This section does not require a project *sea level rise planning*
32 *information* to be developed, adopted, or updated by a public
33 agency or private entity listed in subdivision (a).

34 ~~30965.—~~

35 30966. The Natural Resources Agency, in developing the
36 Planning for Sea Level Rise Database, shall organize the database
37 by geographic regions, provide an entry for each city, county, and
38 city and county within the coastal zone and San Francisco Bay
39 area, and include information described in ~~Sections 30962 and~~
40 ~~30963~~ *Section 30964* under each entry. The Natural Resources

1 Agency shall organize the database in a manner it determines best
2 to provide the public with clear, useful, and readily accessible
3 information.

4 ~~30966. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Planning for~~
5 ~~Sea Level Rise Database provide the public with an educational~~
6 ~~tool that will enable parties to view up-to-date information from~~
7 ~~a single, centrally located source about actions taken by cities,~~
8 ~~counties, cities and counties, regions, and public and private entities~~
9 ~~to address sea level rise.~~

10 30967. Nothing in this division shall alter the duties,
11 responsibilities, and jurisdiction of state agencies that provide
12 information pursuant to this division.